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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1. POL COUNSELOR CONTACTED FORNOFF UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES FONSECA AFTER-NOON MAY 4, INFORMED HIM THAT US HAS PROPOSED JAMES B. GRANT AS US CANDIDATE FOR UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP, AND ASSURED FONSECA THAT EMBASSY WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINING GRANT'S QUALIFICATIONS. FOR FONSECA'S BACKGROUND, POL COUNSELOR ALSO PROVIDED HIM WITH US VIEWS REGARDING NAMING OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BY SYG (PAR 1, REFTEL).

2. FONSECA SAID HE WAS AWARE OF NO REASON WHY GOC WOULD NOT SUPPORT GRANT'S CANDIDACY AND WOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK NOMINATION WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOC AGENCIES INCLUDING ANTONIO ORDONEZ-PLAJA, CHAIRMAN OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHO IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF COLOMBIAN FAMILY WELFARE INSTITUTE - (BIENESTAR FAMILIAR). FONSECA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ORDONEZ-PLAJA'S TERM AS CHAIRMAN OF UNICEF BOARD WAS ENDING THIS YEAR, HIS VIEWS ON THE CANDIDACY WOULD CARRY WEIGHT WITH THE BOARD. IN REPLY TO ENQUIRY
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AS TO WHETHER ORDONEZ-PLAJA MIGHT BE REELECTED BY BOARD TO A NEW TERM, FONSECA EXPLAINED THAT ORDONEZ-PLAJA HAD EFFECTIVELY DECIDED HIS OWN RETIREMENT BY RECOMMENDING THAT THE GOC SUPPORT THE ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF TWO LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. THE GOC HAD DONE THIS AND HAD CONFIRMED ITS SUPPORT IN DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO THESE GOVERNMENTS. IT WAS ONLY LATER THAT THE GOC LEARNED THAT LATIN AMERICA HAD

A QUOTA OF TWO ON THE BOARD, THUS CANCELLING THE
POSSIBILITY OF COLOMBIA PRESENTING ITS OWN CANDIDACY.

3. EMBASSY WILL MAKE SEPARATE APPROACH TO ORDONEZ-
PLAJA WHEN GRANT QUALIFICATIONS RECEIVED.
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